60 years of age. As this is a matter primarily concerning the Government of Gujarat, the petition is being referred to the State Government for appropriate action.

(b) Information in this regard is not available.

TV sets and TV relay stations in the country

3172. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present number of T.V. Relay Stations in India;

(b) what percentage of population is covered by the T.V. Network;

(c) what is the number of T.V. sets operating in India;

(d) whether capacity of T.V. coverage is fully utilised, i.e. the potentiality of T.V. coverage shown is fully utilised by the number of T.V. sets;

(e) whether there is any shortfall of TV sets; if so, how it is proposed to be met; and

(f) whether Government have any proposal to provide cheaper T.Vs. for lower income group people, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) There are at present 185 TV transmitters in the country.

(b) It is estimated that about 69.7 per cent of the country's population is covered by this TV network.

(c) It is estimated that at present there are about 85 lakh TV sets in use in the country.

(d) This will depend on the availability of TV sets and growth in the purchasing power of the people. Provision of community viewing sets by State Governments and other local agencies will also help.

(e) A large number of industrial approvals for the organised sector as well as small scale sector have been issued and the Indian TV industry is meeting the demand.

(f) Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation (ET&T), a public sector undertaking under the Department of Electronics, is providing help to the TV set industry to produce colour TV sets at reasonable cost by supplying material procured by them in bulk along with necessary technology.

For lower income groups, ET&T through its Material Technology Brand Name (MTB) programme has made available 36 cm black and white TV sets at Rs. 1390 per set. There is no excise duty on these sets.

Promotion of emergency commissioned officers in C.R.P.F.

3173. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 89 posts of second-in-command in C.R.P.F. were upgraded to the rank of commandants consequent on Supreme Court verdict given in September, 1986;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the yardstick for promotion to these upgraded posts was completely changed by the revised 12th DPC (Department Promotion Committee) as a result of which over 90 per cent of the ECOs were superseded and that only 47 posts have been filled so far;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are contemplated by Government to fill the remaining posts of Commandants and also to restore the seniority of the persons who have been superseded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) 88 posts of Assistant Commandants (Second-in-Command) were upgraded to that of Commandants (non-selection grade) to be utilised to the extent of requirement to prevent reversions.

(b) and (c) No change whatever was introduced in the yardsticks of promotion in the 12th DPC. A total number of 45 posts have so far been utilised for promotion. Some ECOs and some direct entry officers were superseded on the basis of the recommendations of the DPC.

(d) The question of filling the remaining posts will be considered according to the rules. Representations of superseded officers will be considered according to the rules and instructions.

Taxi stands in Gole Post Office, North Block and Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital

3174. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Taxi Stands in operation in the places/localities between Gole Post Office, North Block, Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital;

(b) whether all these Taxi Stands have been provided with permanent Taxi Stand Booths; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Five.

(b) No Sir, out of five, four are masonry.

(c) Presently there is no proposal with NDMC to convert wooden taxi stand to masonry/permanent taxi stand.

Adoption of N-formula by U.P.S.C.

3175. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the UPSC has not agreed with the N-formula relating to non-state Civil Service Officers appointed to the IAS; and if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) Whether Government have any proposal to apply the N-formula for the non-state Civil Service Officers appointed to the IAS by selection; and

(c) if so, by when it will be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) The 'N' formula relating to the determination of the seniority of the non-SCS officers, though communicated to the State Governments on 1st July, 1970, was not operated upon at the instance of the UPSC, mainly because it would have led to an inequitius treatment of the period of past service between the SCS and Non-SCS officers and also if such a rigid formula was evolved, there was hardly any necessity for consultation with the UPSC, as required under the IAS (Regulation of Seniority) Rules, 1954;

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Funding of Islamic fundamentalist organisations operating in North-Eastern Region

3176. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Mr. Habibur Rehman a Bangladesh Visa Officer in Shillong/Tripura has been involved in the large scale funding of Islamic Fundamentalist Organisations Operating in North Eastern Region;

(b) whether he has been using a senior Agartala based journalist for securing military secrets etc.;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what action Government of India have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARM): (a) and (b) The Government of Inda have no such Information.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.